

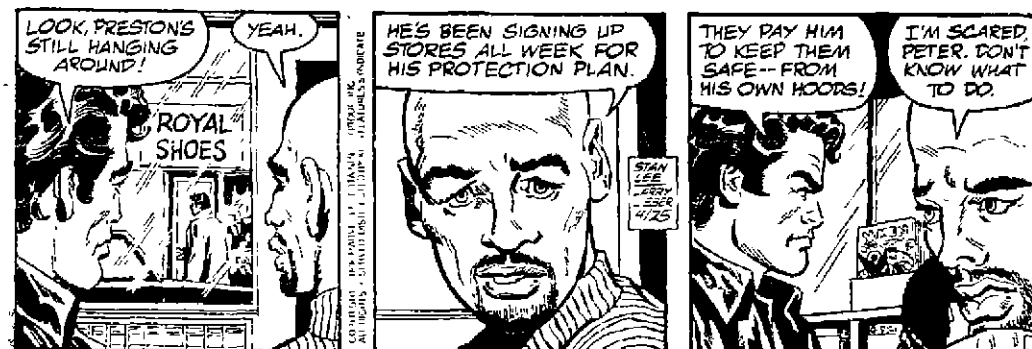
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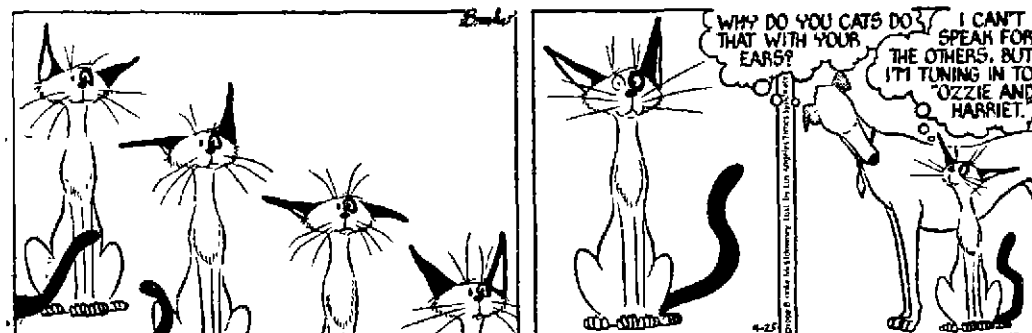
SALLY FORTH



THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



9 CHICKWEED LANE



ANDY CAPP



ROSE IS ROSE



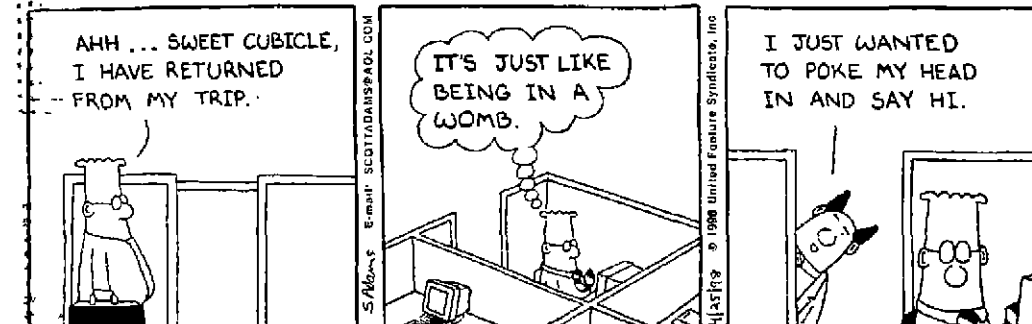
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MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM



DILBERT



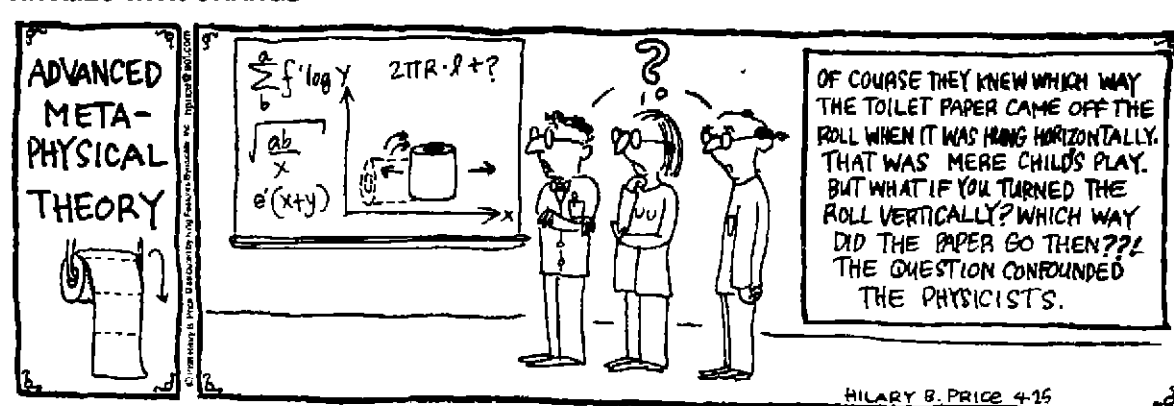
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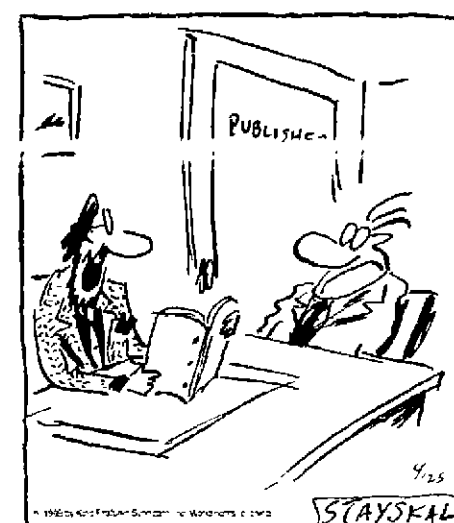
FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Country musician Vassar Clements is 70. Former Harlem Globetrotter Meadowlark Lemon is 66. Actor Al Pacino is 58. Rock musician Stu Cook (Creedence Clearwater Revival) is 53. Singer Bjorn Ulvaeus (ABBA) is 53. Actress Talia Shire is 52. Country singer-songwriter Rob Crosby is 44. Actor Hank Azaria ('The Simpsons,' 'Mad About You') is 34. Rock musician Eric Avery is 33. Actress Renee Zellweger is 29.

I NEED HELP



SCRABBLE

P	H	S	F	A	A	F	I
N	O	O	E	K	R	R	Double Word Score
G	A	E	L	P	S	R	
Q	T	I	A	U	I	C	3rd Letter Triple

PAR SCORE 115-125
by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL
TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merrim-Webster) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 4-25-98 © 1998 United Feature Syndicate, Inc.

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WORD SLEUTH

Commodity futures

AVSSPMJHEBYVTQO
LIGEDBCSYWTFRAP
MKIFIDBOTYLWOUS
QOMKSLIYFAICFDB
ZXWUSULBXFOQEON
LSJHFEGEDCECNAY
WVGyelRABTDEASQ
PNCOTTONRKUNPLK
IHFEHTCSBZRROYW
VUSRTAEHWQCORPN
MLJIECIRHFECPCDC

Friday's unlisted clue: FISCHER

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Saturday's unlisted clue hint: USED TO MAKE CHOCOLATE

Barley	Cotton	Oats	Soybeans
Cattle	Crude oil	Pork bellies	Sugar
Coffee	Flax	Propane	Wheat
Corn	Hogs	Rice	

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HOROSCOPE

For Sunday, April 26, 1998

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your family is being too demanding concerning finances. Make sure everyone understands what is not realistic.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You receive a tempting career offer. Make sure you look into every aspect of it before deciding to make a move.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You feel like gadding about, so start paying some quality visits. Your sociability and charm bring great favor.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your mind is sharp, and you're unusually perceptive. Use your newfound knowledge to strengthen your position at work.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) As you might have discovered recently, an exercise regimen can sharpen your powers of thinking, as well as tone up your body.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Your budget is an absolute mess and has been for some time. Take heart; the situation will improve soon.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Seek advice from a financial expert before investing in a new project that could prove to be a folly.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Concentrate on all the domestic chores that need to be done before you entertain. In fact, putting off that planned get-together would be wise.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Your creative flair peaks. Take advantage by writing, drawing or painting to express yourself.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Your penchant is for the practical. Put those ideas to good use and present them to bigwigs. However, don't try to force your hand.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Lately, you have found yourself thinking suspicious thoughts about someone near and dear to you.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) You have all the facts you need, thanks to your research. It's a fine time to go ahead and present them to bigwigs.

ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolf

Today's classic deal first appeared in a magazine sometime in the '30s. Even today it's a challenging brain teaser. Try your luck in a spade slam after West leads the heart king. At the table, a typical line would be to ruff the heart lead in dummy and cash one high club.

Then South ruffs a club to establish the suit. Now, if trumps break 2-2, dummy's K-Q draw the trumps, and South discards all his losers on dummy's clubs to make an overtrick. When trumps fail to break the slam falls miserably. Since the hand is given as a problem, we all know trumps will not break 2-2. With all hands in view, can you find the solution to win 12 tricks? The secret to success is to cash both high clubs after ruffing a heart in dummy. On the second high club, South discards a heart. At trick four, South ruffs a club with his ace and leads a trump to dummy's queen. He leads a good club from dummy to discard his last heart, and West is stuck. If he ruffs, he has no safe exit. South wins either red-suit lead and leads a trump to dummy's king, drawing West's last trump. South now discards his losers on dummy's clubs. What if West refuses to ruff a club? South merely continues clubs, discarding losers until West concedes the slam.

WEST
♠ J 9 2
♥ A K 10 8 3
♦ Q 8 2
♣ Q 5

EAST
♠ 8
♥ 9 7 6 5 4
♦ K 10 6 4
♣ J 10 8

SOUTH
♠ A 10 7 6 4 3
♥ Q 7 2
♦ A 7 3
♣ 7

Vulnerable, North-South
Dealer: West

The bidding.

West	North	East	South
1♥	2♠	4♥	4♠
Pass	5♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	6♠	All pass	

Opening lead Heart king

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0314

ACROSS

- 1 Like a certain computer number system
- 6 Smoked dish
- 13 Queen's land
- 14 TV royalty
- 15 Subject of "It Must Be Love, My Face Is Breaking Out"
- 16 Its home is on the range
- 17 Big do
- 18 Good as new
- 19 When tripled, a nursery rhyme cry
- 20 Classic movie set in Greenwich Village
- 22 "Buddenbrooks" novelist
- 23 Blush
- 24 Senorita's need
- 25 Pioneer radiation researcher
- 26 Chipper?
- 27 Stable place
- 28 Saturn, to Jupiter
- 29 Values
- 30 The Seven Dwarfs, e.g.
- 31 Dye-yielding shrubs
- 32 Formed by melting
- 33 Pass
- 34 Kind of list
- 35 Fraternity letter
- 36 Soldier's helmet
- 40 De — (by right)
- 41 Hero type
- 43 Flaming
- 44 Where mates are commonly found
- 45 Olden magistrates
- 46 Saw fit
- 47 Lime, for one

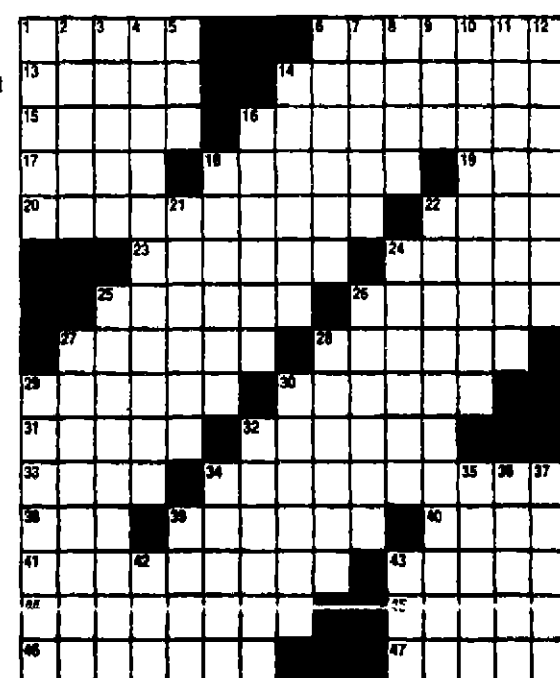
DOWN

- 1 Gold statue
- 2 Irritate
- 3 Prefix with fluoride
- 4 In an artful way
- 5 Nonprofessional
- 6 Direct
- 7 Sideways
- 8 Didn't get a single laugh
- 9 C.H.C.I., familiarly
- 10 Beat on foot
- 11 Soft tissue
- 12 Perform
- 13 Money
- 14 Tiny flies
- 15 Evaluates

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

NAVAJO PER YEW
AMIGOS ANEMONE
DECENT ARTHOUSE
AXE CELLARED
TROUBLEMAKER
SHAY GUL GRAVE
STONED OED ZEE
CONGRATULATIONS
RIPPLE TITILLATE

BIRTH ERO ROBY
STEVENQUEEN
STYLUSES SCI
LAKEENTE LOOKAT
INAYHAP EMAILS
PAY OSS DEFTLY



Puzzle by Ed Pegg Jr.

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|---|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 22 Emmy-winning actor, 1966-68 | 32 Warded (off) | 37 40's-50's Dodger great |
| 24 Jol | 34 Complex ecologic community | 38 Revenuer |
| 25 Leader in 19th-century Italian unity | 36 Composer Cherubini | 42 Halloween prankster's aid |
| 26 Old Church of | 39 Was a boob | 43 Tumult |

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